

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2021

NorthCare Network

1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Video/Audio Connection

NORTHCARE NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT: NorthCare Network ensures that every eligible recipient receives quality specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and supports through the responsible management of regional resources.

Present On-Site: N/A

Present via VTC/Audio: George Botbyl (*Gladstone, MI*), Pat Rozich (*Hancock, MI*), Bill Davie (*Marquette, MI*), Jim Moore (*Kinross, MI*), Jim Tervo (*Houghton, MI*), Steve Thomas (*Ironwood Twp., Gogebic Co., MI*), Joe Bonovetz (*Bessemer, MI*), Mari Negro (*Meyer Twp., Menominee Co., MI*), Glenn Wing (*Ishpeming, MI*), Ann Martin (*Iron Mt., Dickinson Co., MI*), Dr. John Shoberg (*Hale, MI*), George Ecclesine (*Manistique, MI*), George Beninghaus (*Bessemer, MI*), Mike Koskinen (*Baraga, MI*), Patricia Phillips (*Meyer Twp., Menominee Co., MI*),

Not Present: Tom Korpi (*alternate*), Carrie Braspenick (*alternate*)

NorthCare Staff/Guests: Dr. Tim Kangas, Megan Rooney, Andy Kulie, Judi Brugman, Diane Bennett, Bob Wedin

CMH Staff/Guests: Dan McKinney (*Hiawatha*), Cari Raboin (*Copper Country*), Melissa Hall (*Gogebic*)

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Pat Phillips joined at 12:06 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO, with each board member participating remotely identifying themselves and their location (listed above in attendance). A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda – No additions.

Minutes – No changes.

Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the agenda as presented and accept the November 10, 2021 minutes as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Botbyl gave a verbal report. He thanked the Board, Dr. Kangas, and Sandra Lambert regarding the board's request for legal opinion to clarify the officers meeting. Chairperson Botbyl provided a summary on what was discussed at the Executive Officer pre-meeting and plans to do this at future meetings as well.

CEO UPDATE

NorthCare Network CEO Kangas provided a quarterly update on his CEO goals. He discussed the reciprocity agreement with NMRE, CSUs (Crisis Stabilization Units), BHH, OHH, and System Redesign.

FINANCE REPORT

a. **Finance Report, & Check Register - \$658,110.06**

CFO Megan Rooney reviewed the Finance Report and Check Register.

Motion made by Bill Davie to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by George Beninghaus.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. **Purchase of Server Software Licenses and Installation**

CFO Megan Rooney requested the board approve \$13,813.85 for the purchase of server software licenses and installation.

Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the purchase of server software licenses and installation as presented.

Support by George Beninghaus.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. **OMA & 2022 Meeting Schedule**

Board discussed the current Open Meetings Act (OMA) and 2022 meeting schedule options. After December 31st, a board member must be physical present to participate and vote at a meeting. Only board members absent due to military duty will be able to participate in a meeting remotely.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve Option #1 (*continue current*) for the 2022 meeting schedule.

Support by Joe Bonovetz.

Discussion held. Option #1 is to continue current schedule (monthly with no meeting in January and July).

Vote – all in favor, motion carried. approved

b. **Contract**

Contracts were presented as follows: Anderson Tackman & Co. (*Audit Services -Compliance & Finance: FY21-\$42,000 Compliance/\$10,500 Finance, FY22-\$43,800 Compliance/\$10,950 Finance, FY23-\$45,600 Compliance/\$11,400 Finance, FY24-\$47,400 Compliance/\$11,850 Finance, FY25-\$49,200 Compliance/\$12,3000 Finance*)

Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the contract as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. **Informational Items**

Informational Items included in the packet were the NorthCare Network Board Report and Penetration Report Synopsis.

Motion made by Steve Thomas that all Informational Items be received and placed on file.

Support by Dr. Shoberg.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

BOARD PRESENTATION

Diane Bennett, QI Coordinator/Compliance Officer presented on the *QAPIP FY22 (Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Programs) along with Compliance and Program Integrity.*

Board Members expressed appreciation and commended NorthCare Staff and all our CMH workers across the U.P.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Steve Thomas thanked all the board members and NorthCare staff. Unless OMA changes, he will most likely consider stepping down from the board.

Ann Martin thanked the board for addressing her concerns. She thanked Sandra Lambert for all she does at NorthCare and Chairperson Botbyl for his officer pre-meeting summary during his board chair report.

Bill Davie commented that the board needs to decide on the CMHA request for special assessment funding. There are different opinions on what the money will be used for and the legality of it. He requested a motion be made.

Motion was made by Bill Davie to request a legal opinion on whether the PIHP can legally provide funds to the CMHA special assessment. Support by Glenn Wing.

Board requested more information. Chairperson Botbyl asked CEO Kangas and CFO Rooney to speak more on this issue. CEO Kangas and CFO Rooney support what CMHA is trying to do, but there are concerns as a PIHP we would be violating federal law. Governmental Entities are prohibited from using federal dollars for lobbying.

Discussion held.

Vote: 1 Yes and 13 No

Motion failed.

Pat Rozich was no longer in attendance at time of vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. SUD Presentation

NEXT MEETING

No meeting scheduled in January.

Next Meeting will be February 16, 2022 (3rd Wednesday).

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO